

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 517 - SB 499

February 17, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a student and any officially recognized organization of a state institution of higher education to have the right of representation by a licensed attorney or non-attorney advocate at the student's or organization's expense at higher education student disciplinary hearings. Prohibits the student or student organization from the right of representation if the institution has a student honor court or in instances of academic dishonesty.

Requires each institution to submit an annual report, that includes the number and type of disciplinary proceedings, as well as the number of cases in which a student or student organization is represented by an attorney or non-attorney advocate, to the governing body of the institution, the Senate Education Committee, and the Education Administration and Planning Committee of the House of Representatives.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- No significant change in the number of hearings. Any cost or legal fees associated with a student or organization being represented at disciplinary hearings by an attorney or non-attorney will be incurred by the student or organization.
- Based on the information provided by the Tennessee Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee, there will be no change in staff or operations to submit the annual report. Therefore, any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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